THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) During the period April, 2001—January, 2002, Karnataka faced energy shortage of 12.2% and peaking shortage of 20%.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. All the States in the Southern Region have been facing power shortage mainly due to low hydro generation in view of the reduced rainfall in the catchments of hydro power stations in the Southern Region during the last season. Karnataka has already been allocated 28% out of unallocated quota of Central Sector Stations in the Southern Region. 80 MW has also been allocated from Nevyeli TPS-II to the State. In addition, Karnataka has been allocated 106 MW of power from the Central Sector Stations in the Eastern Region.

**Scaling down of capacity addition target by NTPC**

713. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the NTPC scaled down its capacity addition target for 2001-2002 from 20,000 MW to 8000 MW;

(b) if yes, what are the reasons for such a radical climb down from the original target; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. has not scaled down its capacity addition target for 2001-2002.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of above.

**Inability of SEBs, to recover its costs**

714. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no State Electricity Board is recovering the full cost of power supplied and as a result they are making continuous losses on their operations;

(b) if so, the magnitude of such losses, State-wise;